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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: William J. Baer, et al.  
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Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR STORING HIERARCHICAL CONTENT OBJECTS IN A DATA REPOSITORY**

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(37 CFR 1.97(b))**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Pursuant to Section 707.05(b) of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, a copy is herewith submitted (attached to form PTO-1449, Rev. 7-80) of prior art which is considered to be pertinent to the invention as claimed in the above-identified application.

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the art cited, initial the leftmost column of the attached PTO Form 1449 adjacent each cited reference, and return a copy of the Form 1449 for applicants' records. It is further requested that the art be cited on the cover of any patent issuing from the subject application.

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The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last. 37 CFR 1.97(b).

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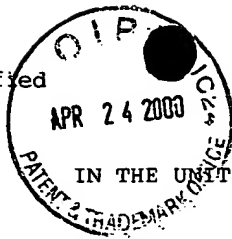
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